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**STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**

Memorial Resolution

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on Monday March 2, 2015, removed from our midst one of his own, Ms. Annie Lee Johnson, in whose death we have lost a devoted women of God who loves the Lord, and whose family has lost a kind and devoted member; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Lee Johnson was born in Manning, South Carolina, Clarendon County on August 3rd, 1933 to parents Ferdinand and Nora Grissitt Walker, along with her siblings Sue Esther, Ernest, Mary Essie, Mary, and Harriet; where she attended and graduated from Mt. Zion High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Lee Johnson was blessed with one son Henry, five daughters Jacqueline, Sandra, Alberta, Vanessa, and AlQuita, one Goddaughter Yolanda, fourteen grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends, she will always be remembered for her deep love for her family and for being a "True Matriarch"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Lee Johnson accepted Christ at an early age in South Carolina at St. James A.M.E. Zion Church; after migrating from the south to Buffalo, New York in December 1958, she became a member of Jubilee Temple C.M.E. Church which later became Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. At Good Shepherd, she served as a tireless worker on many auxiliaries throughout her life and passionately loved singing in her many choirs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Lee Johnson retired from Richton Headwear, 701 Seneca Street where she made the most "Beautiful Hats", she enjoyed socializing, cooking and family gatherings. Family members boast about how you could always have a good meal and a clean place to stay in her home; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Lee Johnson's favorite scripture was Psalms 121: 1-2 "I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord...", she was a compassionate person whose life of love and memories will forever be rehearsed in the hearts of her friends and family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby mourn the passing of Ms. Annie Lee Johnson, and pauses in its deliberations to honor and celebrate her life, her love and her ministry. And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature offers our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy to Ms. Annie Lee Johnson's family, friends, and church members on the loss of this exceptional woman who remains well loved by many.

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
1st District Legislator

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature